

May 29, 2007

The Honorable Michael Mauro  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 909, an Act relating to and making appropriations for health and human services and including other related provisions and appropriations, and including effective date provisions. House File 909 is approved on this date, with the exceptions noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of Section 3, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 2. This paragraph transfers funds from the Gambler's Assistance Fund for other purposes, such as adult drug courts, the family development and sufficiency grant program, and the energy utility assessment and resolution program. This designated paragraph would divert revenues from the purposes for which the Gambler's Assistance Fund was established to accomplish. Furthermore, this designated language would use these one-time carry-over funds for on-going programs, thereby creating future expectations of additional funding. While adult drug courts, the family development and sufficiency grant program, and the utility assessment and resolution program are worthwhile, diverting these funds would be inconsistent with the statutorily mandated purposes of the Gambler's Assistance Fund.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of Section 4, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph 2. This paragraph transfers \$150,000 to the Department of Cultural Affairs from the Veterans Trust Fund to staff and support the conservation lab facility. I am unable to support this subsection because it creates expectations for new or ongoing funding that is not sustainable. These funds are more appropriately used in the Veterans Trust Fund. Diverting these funds would be inconsistent with the statutorily mandated purposes of the Veterans Trust Fund, even though these other designated programs are worthwhile.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of Section 97, subsection 3, paragraph e. This paragraph allocates \$10,000 to the Department of Public Health to provide extracorporeal support for donation after cardiac death. I am unable to support this subsection because it creates expectations for new or ongoing funding that is not

sustainable. Within the Fiscal year 2008 appropriations for the Board of Regents-University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, I believe there are sufficient funds available to cover this important program.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 100 in its entirety. This designated section requires the Department of Public Health to expedite volunteer health care provider program registration. I am unable to approve this language because no funds were provided to implement this provision and it places an unreasonable requirement on the Department of Public Health. I will direct the Director of the Department of Public Health to develop a more streamlined registration process.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Division XX, Section 190 in its entirety. This provision requires a director of a department or agency included in House File 909 to examine employee telecommuting options, develop a telecommuter employment policy, and implement a plan designed to increase the number of telecommuting employees. Many departments maintain employee telecommuting policies currently. These policies and procedures have been in place for several years and are well established. The designated language in Section 190 directing a department or agency to conduct an assessment of its telecommuting policy is duplicative and unnecessary and introduces a legislatively mandated management process into what is appropriately an executive branch decision. I will direct the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Management to review the current state government telecommuting policy and make recommendations for any improvements as part of our overall executive branch strategic planning process.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove of the designated items in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 909 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver  
Governor

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